GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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HIGH SPEED GOODS TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry is contemplating to introduce fast speed goods trains to increase the income of the Railways;

(b) if so, the time by which the said goods trains are likely to be introduced along with the outlines of the policy in this regard;

(c) the income likely to be earned by the Railways therefrom;

(d) whether the Government propose to remove unnecessary halts of goods trains at various stations; and

(e) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of the State in the Ministry of Railways (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Railway has already introduced high speed goods trains running with a maximum permissible speed of 100 Km per hour for movement of container traffic between Mumbai & Delhi. In addition it is proposed to undertake a pilotproject to run trains , consisting of high speed wagons in Iron and Coal circuit.

These wagons have been introduced in order to increase the section capacity over the congested route for introduction of more number of goods trains. The additional earning in the current year till October, 2000 on this account is Rs.187 crores

(d & e) There is no scheduled stoppage for freight trains. The trains are stopped for operational reasons.